The tariff for various categories of consumers during the period 2001-2002 were as under :

Amount in paise/kwh

Industrial	Commercial	Railways	Domestic
378.67	426.32	449.25	195.62

(e) The Electricity Act, 2003 provides for several specific measures to safe-guard consumer interests. The Act requires every distribution licensee to establish a forum for redressal of grievances of the consumers within six months. Non-redressal of grievances can be represented before the Ombudsman to be appointed or designated by the State Commisison, who will settle the grievance of the consumer within a stipulated period. The Act further stipulates that the Regulatory Commissions will specificy standards of performance of licensees, non-compliance of which makes the licensees liable to pay compensation to the affected person. The Act also provides for constitution of district level committtees to review the quality of power supply and consumer satisfaction.

Financial assistance provided by Japan to Tripura Power Project

1141. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has given financial aid for a 500 MW Tripura Power Project and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it would be the one of the biggest power plants in the North-East and would sell surplus power to Bangladesh, Punjab, Delhi, Haryana, West Bengal, besides Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Tripura Gas Based Combined Power Project of NEEPCO at the total project cost of Rs. 1725.68 crores has been posed to Government of Japan for JBIC loan assistance under FY 2003 JBIC laon package. Government of Japan is yet to take a decision of selection of the project.

The proposed installed capacity of Tripura Gas Based Power Project was initially framed at 500 MW. Due to reduced availability of gas from ONGC from 2.0 MMSCUMD to 1.0 MMSCUMD, the revised capacity of Tripura Gas Based Power Porject is now 280 MW only. This project would be the second biggest gas based thermal power plant in the North East. The power form this project will basically meet the requirement of N.E. Region. Only after having met the requirement of N.E. Region beneficiaries, the surplus power, is envisaged for evacuation outside the N.E. Region.

Assistance for energising electric irrigation pump sets in A.P.

1142. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rural Electrification Corporation provides funds to the States for energizing electric irrigation pump sets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds provided by the Corporation of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and number of pump sets energized during the said period in the States, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of funds provided by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for energization of electric irrigation pumpsets to the states during the last three years are given below:

2000-01	Rs. 311.62 Cr.
2001-02	Rs. 185.86 Cr.
2002-03	Rs. 440.93 Cr.

(c) Funds provided by REC to APTRANSCO and RE Cooperatives for pump sets energization during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh are as under:

Year	Loan amount disbursed
2000-01	Rs. 77.22 Cr.
2001-02	Rs. 15.96 Cr.
2002-03	Rs. 47.48 Cr.